Eligibility Transaction Procedures

This section details the procedures necessary to complete each of the following eligibility transactions:

- Eligibility Inquiry
- Share of Cost
- Medi-Services

If you have questions regarding the operation of the POS device, call the EDS POS/Internet Help Desk at 1-800-427-1295.

ELIGIBILITY INQUIRY

Beginning a Transaction

The first screen that will display on the POS device is the welcome screen. You can either swipe a Benefits Identification Card (BIC) through the card reader or press any key to get started.

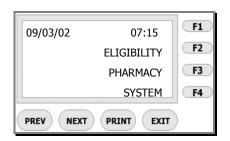


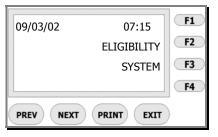
If you swipe a BIC through the device, the recipient information coded on the magnetic stripe appears in the appropriate fields as you advance through the transaction. To accept the information at each stage, press <ENTER> at each prompt.

If you do not swipe the BIC, you must enter the requested information at each prompt and press <ENTER>.

Note: You will need to know the issue date on the BIC to successfully enter an Eligibility Inquiry transaction.

After swiping the BIC through the device, one of the following screens displays:





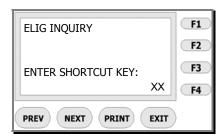
To initiate an Eligibility Inquiry transaction, select "ELIGIBILITY" by pressing the corresponding function <F> key.

The eligibility main menu displays. Select "ELIG INQUIRY" by pressing the corresponding function <F> key.



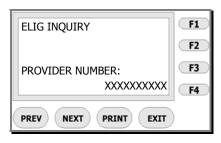
Shortcut Key

The POS device prompts you to enter your shortcut key. If you have activated this function, enter your shortcut key and press <ENTER>. Otherwise press <ENTER> to bypass this field. For more information on the shortcut key, see the *Device System Transactions* section in this user guide.



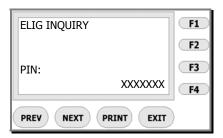
Provider Number

The POS device prompts you to enter your provider number. (This field will have populated in the previous step if your shortcut key is activated.) Otherwise, enter your provider number and press <ENTER>.



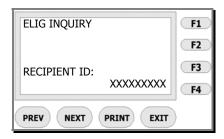
PIN

The POS device prompts you to enter your provider identification number (PIN). Enter your PIN and press <ENTER>. (The POS device displays asterisks instead of your PIN for security purposes.)



Recipient ID

The POS device prompts you to enter the recipient ID. If you swiped the BIC at the beginning of the transaction, press <ENTER> to accept the recipient ID shown. Otherwise, enter the correct recipient ID and press <ENTER>.

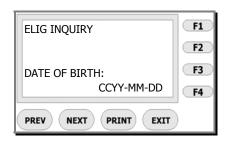


Date of Birth

The POS device prompts you to enter the recipient's date of birth. Press <ENTER> to accept the date shown or enter the correct date (CCYY-MM-DD) and press <ENTER>.

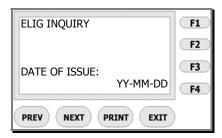
Newborn Infant Using Mother's ID

If you are verifying eligibility for a newborn infant billing on the mother's ID number, you must enter the <u>mother's</u> birthdate at this prompt, not the infant's.



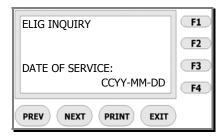
Date of Issue

The POS device prompts you to enter the date of issue (YY-MM-DD) shown on the BIC. Press <ENTER> to accept the date shown on the screen or enter the correct date and press <ENTER>.



Date of Service

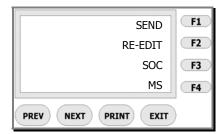
The POS device prompts you to enter the date of service. The POS device displays the current date as the default. If a different date of service is needed, enter that date (CCYY-MM-DD) and press <ENTER>. If the default date is the correct date, press <ENTER> to accept.



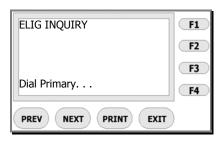
Send/Re-Edit Menu

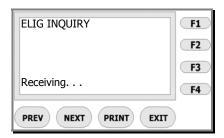
All of the specific fields related to the Eligibility Inquiry transaction have been entered. The device displays the send/re-edit menu, which lists the following options: "SEND," "RE-EDIT," "SOC" (Share of Cost), and "MS" (Medi-Services Reservation). Select "SEND" to send your Eligibility Inquiry transaction to the Medi-Cal host computer, or select "RE-EDIT" to change the transaction data.

If you select "RE-EDIT," the device will allow you to make changes to any data that you have entered. It displays the first field of your Eligibility Inquiry transaction, the "Shortcut Key" field. You can scroll through all the fields by pressing <NEXT> to move to the next screen or <PREV> to move to a previous screen until you get to the field you want to change. You can change the field by typing over the information previously entered or by using the backspace key to erase the previously entered data, one character at a time, before re-entering the information. After the information in a field has been changed, press <ENTER> to accept the updated information. Once all fields have been verified and are correct, you can either go immediately to the send/re-edit menu by pressing <EXIT> or scroll field by field.



After you select "SEND," the screen displays the following to show that the POS device is processing your transaction and sending it to the Medi-Cal host computer.





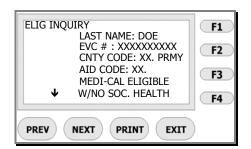
Response Received

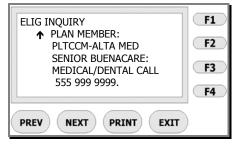
After the Medi-Cal host receives your transaction, the device will beep, and you will receive the following message:



As prompted in the response received message, you can press <PRINT> on the device or <F7> on the keyboard to print the response. Or you can view the response on the screen by pressing any key. The device displays a text message containing your Eligibility Inquiry response.

Sample Eligibility Inquiry Message The following is an example of the type of messages you may receive:





Transaction Completion

The response screen may contain an arrow pointing down. This arrow indicates that the message continues on the next screen, or that you have provider mail (additional messages from the Medi-Cal System). If you have provider mail, the device will display a down arrow on the last page of your eligibility response. Press <NEXT> to scroll to the next page of the response or if you are at the last page of your response, press <NEXT> to view your provider mail. Press <PREV>, if there is an arrow pointing up, to view the previous page of the response. Press <CANCEL> to return to the eligibility menu.

No Recorded Eligibility

If you receive a message that states "NO RECORDED ELIGIBILITY FOR (MONTH) (YEAR)," verify that the information entered was correct before denying Medi-Cal services to the recipient.

SHARE OF COST

Beginning a Transaction

The first screen that will display on the POS device is the welcome screen. You can either swipe a Benefits Identification Card (BIC) through the card reader or press any key to get started.

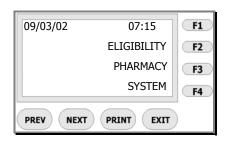


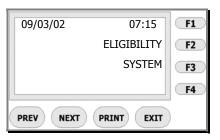
If you swipe a BIC through the device, the recipient information coded on the magnetic stripe appears in the appropriate fields as you advance through the transaction. To accept the information at each stage, press <ENTER> at each prompt.

If you do not swipe the BIC, you must enter the requested information at each prompt and press <ENTER>.

Note: You will need to know the issue date on the BIC to successfully enter a Share of Cost transaction.

After swiping the BIC through the device, one of the following screens displays:





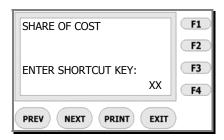
To initiate a Share of Cost transaction, select "ELIGIBILITY" by pressing the corresponding function <F> key.

The eligibility main menu displays. Select "SHARE OF COST" by pressing the corresponding function <F> key.



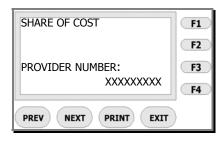
Shortcut Key

The POS device prompts you to enter your shortcut key. If you have activated this function, enter your shortcut key and press <ENTER>. Otherwise, press <ENTER> to bypass this field. For more information on the shortcut key, please see the *Device System Transactions* section in this user guide.



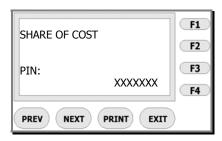
Provider Number

The POS device prompts you to enter your provider number. (This field will have populated in the previous step if your shortcut key is activated.) Otherwise, enter your provider number and press <ENTER>.



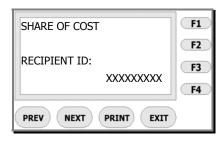
PIN

The POS device prompts you to enter your provider identification number (PIN). Enter your PIN and press <ENTER>. (The POS device displays asterisks instead of your PIN for security purposes.)



Recipient ID

The POS device prompts you to enter the recipient ID. If you swiped the BIC at the beginning of the transaction, press <ENTER> to accept the recipient ID shown. Otherwise, enter the correct recipient ID and press <ENTER>.

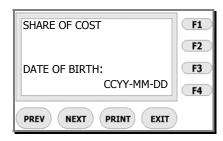


Date of Birth

The POS device prompts you to enter the recipient's date of birth. Press <ENTER> to accept the date shown or enter the correct date (CCYY-MM) and press <ENTER>.

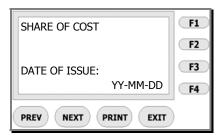
Newborn Infant Using Mother's ID

If you are verifying eligibility for a newborn infant billing on the mother's ID number, you must enter the <u>mother's</u> birthdate at this prompt, not the infant's.



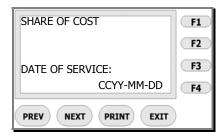
Date of Issue

The POS device prompts you to enter the date of Issue (YY-MM-DD) shown on the BIC. Press <ENTER> to accept the date shown on the screen or enter the correct date and press <ENTER>.



Date of Service

The POS device prompts you to enter the date of service. The POS device displays the current date as the default. If a different date of service is needed, enter that date (CCYY-MM-DD) and press <ENTER>. If the default date is the correct date, press <ENTER> to accept.



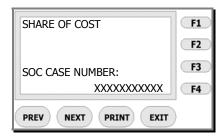
Case Number

The POS device prompts you to enter the case number. You only need to enter a case number if the recipient is affected by the <u>Sneede</u> v. <u>Kizer</u> lawsuit and presents a *Share of Cost Case Summary* letter listing all the recipient's case numbers. For more information, please see the *Eligibility: Share of Cost* (SOC) section in Part 1 of the Medi-Cal Provider Manual.

Multiple Case Numbers

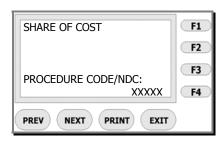
If the recipient has multiple case numbers, you must submit a separate SOC transaction for each case number the recipient wants to clear.

Enter the case number and press <ENTER> or, if the recipient does not require a case number as described above, press <ENTER> to bypass this field.



Procedure Code

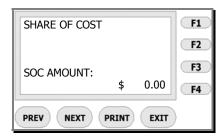
The POS device prompts you to enter the procedure code (HCPCS, CPT-4, UB-92, NDC, UPC or HRI). Enter the procedure code and press <ENTER>.



Share of Cost

The POS device prompts you to enter the Share of Cost (SOC) applied amount. Enter the amount of SOC to be cleared for this specific case number and press <ENTER>. It is not necessary to enter a decimal point. The POS device automatically fills in the decimal point.

Note: If you are entering a whole dollar amount (for example, \$25.00), you <u>must</u> enter zeros in the "cents" area or you will enter 25 cents instead of \$25.00. You can enter up to \$99.999.99 in this field.

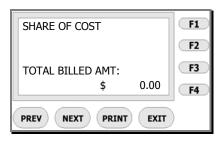


Billed Amount

The POS device prompts you to enter the billed amount. Enter the usual and customary fee for the procedure code performed and press <ENTER>.

Note: If you are entering a whole dollar amount (for example, \$25.00), you <u>must</u> enter zeros in the "cents" area or you will enter 25 cents instead of \$25.00. You can enter up to \$99,999.99 in this field.

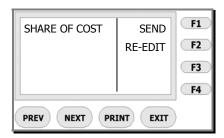
Total billed amount cannot be greater than the SOC amount.



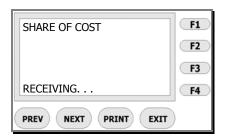
Send/Re-Edit Menu

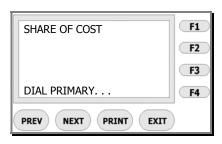
All of the specific fields related to the SOC transaction have been entered. The device displays the send/re-edit menu, which lists the following options: "SEND," "RE-EDIT," "SOC" (Share of Cost), and "MS" (Medi-Services Reservation). Select "SEND" to send your SOC transaction to the Medi-Cal host computer, or select "RE-EDIT" to change the transaction data.

If you select "RE-EDIT," the device will allow you to make changes to any data that you have entered. It displays the first field of your SOC transaction, the "Shortcut Key" field. You can scroll through all the fields by pressing <NEXT> to move to the next screen or <PREV> to move to a previous screen until you get to the field you want to change. You can change the field by typing over the information previously entered or by using the backspace key to erase the previously entered data, one character at a time, before re-entering the information. After the information in a field has been changed, press <ENTER> to accept the updated information. Once all fields have been verified and are correct, you can either go immediately to the send/re-edit menu by pressing <EXIT> or scroll field by field.



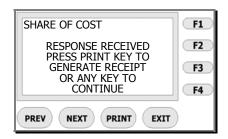
After you select "SEND," the screen displays the following to show that the POS device is processing your transaction and sending it to the Medi-Cal host computer.





Response Received

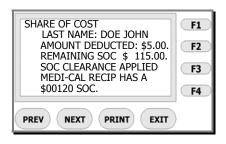
After the Medi-Cal host receives your transaction, the device will beep, and you will receive the following message:

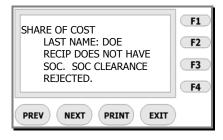


As prompted in the response received message, you can press <PRINT> on the device or <F7> on the keyboard to print the response. Or you can view the response on the screen by pressing any key. The device displays a text message containing your SOC response.

Sample SOC Message

Following are examples of the type of messages you may receive:





Transaction Completion

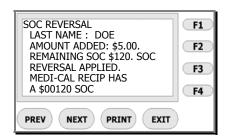
The response screen may contain an arrow pointing down. This arrow indicates that the message continues on the next screen, or that you have provider mail (additional messages from the Medi-Cal System). If you have provider mail, the device will display a down arrow on the last page of your SOC response. Press <NEXT> to scroll to the next page of the response or if you are at the last page of your response, press <NEXT> to view your provider mail. Press <PREV>, if there is an arrow pointing up, to view the previous page of the response. Press <CANCEL> to return to the eligibility menu.

SOC Reversal

SOC reversals may only be performed for partial clearance prior to the time the recipient is certified as eligible.

To reverse SOC transactions, select "SOC REVERSAL" at the eligibility main menu and enter the same information as for a clearance. The device will respond with confirmation that the reversal is completed. Once a recipient has been certified as having met the Share of Cost, reversal transactions can no longer be performed.

Sample SOC Reversal Message



If you are unsure of the meaning of a message, refer to the *Troubleshooting* section of this guide or call the EDS POS/Internet Help Desk at 1-800-427-1295.

MEDI-SERVICES

Only certain providers can reserve and bill Medi-Services. For more information, please see the *Eligibility: Recipient Identification* section in Part 1 of the Medi-Cal Provider Manual for instructions about when to reserve Medi-Services.

Beginning a Transaction

The first screen that will display on the POS device is the welcome screen. You can either swipe a Benefits Identification Card (BIC) through the card reader or press any key to get started.

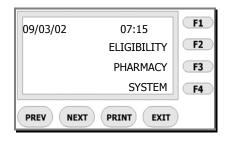


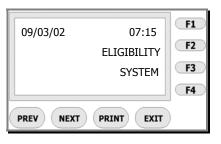
If you swipe a BIC through the device, the recipient information coded on the magnetic stripe appears in the appropriate fields as you advance through the transaction. To accept the information at each stage, press <ENTER> at each prompt.

If you do not swipe the BIC, you must enter the requested information at each prompt and press <ENTER>.

Note: You will need to know the issue date on the BIC to successfully enter an Medi-Services transaction.

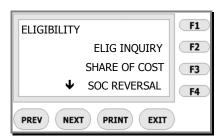
After swiping the BIC through the device, one of the following screens displays.

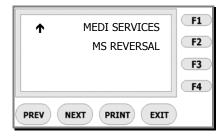




To initiate a Medi-Services transaction, select "ELIGIBILITY" by pressing the corresponding function <F> key.

The eligibility main menu displays. This menu may contain an arrow pointing down. This arrow indicates that the menu continues on the next screen. Press <NEXT> to scroll to the next screen of the menu and select "MEDI-SERVICES" by pressing the corresponding function <F> key.





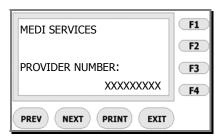
Shortcut Key

The POS device prompts you to enter your shortcut key. If you have activated this function, enter your shortcut key and press <ENTER>. Otherwise, press <ENTER> to bypass this field. For more information on the shortcut key, please see the *Device System Transactions* section in this user guide.



Provider Number

The POS device prompts you to enter your provider number. (This field will have populated in the previous step if your shortcut key is activated.) Otherwise, enter your provider number and press <ENTER>.



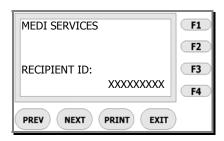
PIN

The POS device prompts you to enter your provider identification number (PIN). Enter your PIN and press <ENTER>. (The POS device displays asterisks instead of your PIN for security purposes.)



Recipient ID

The POS device prompts you to enter the recipient ID. If you swiped the BIC at the beginning of the transaction, press <ENTER> to accept the recipient ID shown. Otherwise, enter the correct recipient ID and press <ENTER>.

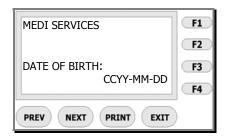


Date of Birth

The POS device prompts you to enter the recipient's date of birth. Press <ENTER> to accept the date shown or enter the correct date (CCYY-MM) and press <ENTER>.

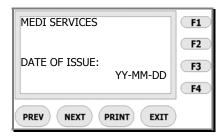
Newborn Infant Using Mother's ID

If you are verifying eligibility for a newborn infant billing on the mother's ID number, you must enter the <u>mother's</u> birthdate at this prompt, <u>not</u> the infant's.



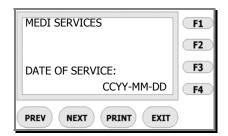
Date of Issue

The POS device prompts you to enter the date of issue (YY-MM-DD) shown on the BIC. Press <ENTER> to accept the date shown or enter the correct date and press <ENTER>.



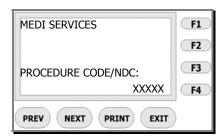
Date of Service

The POS device prompts you to enter the date of service. The POS device displays the current date as the default. If a different date of service is needed, enter that date (CCYY-MM-DD) and press <ENTER>. If the default date is the correct date, press <ENTER> to accept.



Procedure Code

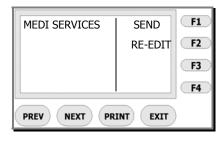
The POS device prompts you to enter the procedure code (either a HCPCS, CPT-4, UB-92, NDC, UPC or HRI code). Enter the procedure code and press <ENTER>.



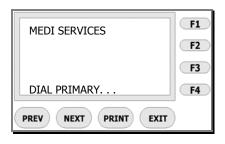
Send/Re-Edit Menu

All of the specific fields related to the Medi-Services transaction have been entered. The device displays the send/re-edit menu, which lists the following options: "SEND," "RE-EDIT," "SOC" (Share of Cost), and "MS" (Medi-Services Reservation). Select "SEND" to send your MS transaction to the Medi-Cal host computer, or select "RE-EDIT" to change the transaction data.

If you select "RE-EDIT," the device will allow you to make changes to any data that you have entered. It displays the first field of your MS transaction, the "Shortcut Key" field. You can scroll through all the fields by pressing <NEXT> to move to the next screen or <PREV> to move to a previous screen until you get to the field you want to change. You can change the field by typing over the information previously entered or by using the backspace key to erase the previously entered data, one character at a time, before re-entering the information. After the information in a field has been changed, press <ENTER> to accept the updated information. Once all fields have been verified and are correct, you can either go immediately to the send/re-edit menu by pressing <EXIT> or scroll field by field.



After you select "SEND," the screen displays the following screens to show that the POS device is processing your transaction and sending it to the Medi-Cal host computer.





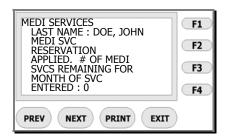
After the Medi-Cal host receives your transaction, you will receive the following message:



As prompted in the response received message, you can press <PRINT> on the device or <F7> on the keyboard to print the response. Or you can view the response on the screen by pressing any key. The device displays a text message containing your MS response.

Medi-Service Reservation Applied

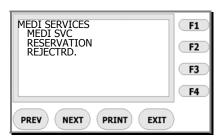
Following is an example of the type of messages you may receive:



Transaction Completion

The response screen may contain an arrow pointing down. This arrow indicates that the message continues on the next screen, or that you have provider mail (additional messages from the Medi-Cal System). If you have provider mail, the device will display a down arrow on the last page of your MS response. Press <NEXT> to scroll to the next page of the response or if you are at the last page of your response, press <NEXT> to view your provider mail. Press <PREV>, if there is an arrow pointing up, to view the previous page of the response. Press <CANCEL> to return to the eligibility menu.

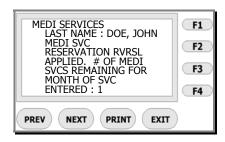
Medi-Service Reservations Rejected If the recipient has not yet cleared all of his or her SOC liability, the Medi-Service reservation will be rejected.



MS Reversal

To reverse an MS transaction, select "MS REVERSAL" at the eligibility main menu and enter the same information as for a Medi-Services Reservation. The device will respond with confirmation that the reversal is completed.

Sample MS Reversal Message



If you are unsure of the meaning of a message, refer to the appropriate section of your Medi-Cal provider manual or call the EDS POS/Internet Help Desk at 1-800-427-1295.